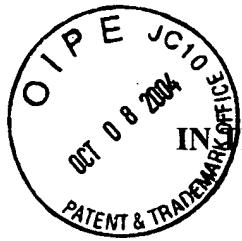


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PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bernhart et al.

Art Unit: 2833

Serial No.: 10/705,585

Examiner: Gushi, Ross N.

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For: CONNECTOR WITH
HERMAPHRODITIC CENTER
GROUND PLANE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. We enclose the following documents:
 - Amendment Transmittal (3 pages, *in duplicate*)
 - Amendment in Response to Office Action dated July 14, 2004 (9 pgs)
 - Return postcard

STATUS

2. Applicant

claims small entity status.

is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: October 8, 2004



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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$ 1,005.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

— An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL	18	MINUS	19	= 00	x \$9 = \$			x \$18 = \$	
INDEP.	4	MINUS	3	= 1	x \$43 = \$			x \$88 = \$88.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$			+ \$290 = \$	
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$88.00		

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$ 88.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$88.00.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other:


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